



Marine Corps First to Pass Financial Audit

The United States Marine Corps became the first military service to successfully undergo an audit when the Department of Defense Inspector General granted it (on December 20) an unqualified, favorable audit opinion for its current year (FY2012 Schedule of Budgetary Activity) budget," said Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. "I want to congratulate the Marine Corps and the Department of the Navy on this significant achievement."

"This year's financial report demonstrates our dedication to assure the public that we are efficient and prudent stewards of the nation's resources entrusted to us," said Ann-Cecile McDermott, fiscal director for the Marine Corps.

This was the first audit of its kind for any of the armed services. The Marine Corps had volunteered to be the first to go through the process. Danielle Brian, director for the Project on Government Oversight called the successful audit good news and called for the other services to follow the Marines' lead.

The audit is expected to be repeated frequently. Going forward for MCICOM, SES David Clifton, Deputy, MCICOM, noted that "we will be the focus of an audit for inventory – covering real property and garrison/general property – starting in 2015. We've been hard at work on this for over a year now, but 2014 is our year of final preparation – the home stretch.

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